



North Carolina Department of Transportation

GHSP

**GOVERNOR'S
HIGHWAY SAFETY
PROGRAM**

Centerline

Winter 2009

Message from the Director

On behalf of everyone at the Governor's Highway Safety Program, I wish you all a happy New Year. I would also like to thank the agencies that attended our law enforcement summits in January and congratulate the Director's Award recipients.

Last year, during our "Booze It & Lose It" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns, officers issued 560,778 traffic and criminal citations. That number includes 15,789 driving while impaired arrests and 57,767 occupant protection citations for safety belt and child passenger safety violations. That impressive total proves that North Carolina law enforcement are dedicated to traffic safety.

Your dedication to saving lives and educating the public about safe driving remains strong. This year, GHSP will be introducing a new educational tool to assist in our mission. The new GHSP Expo is a 53-foot-custom-built trailer that includes seven interactive driving simulators and offers 30 different lessons with over 240 driving scenarios. GHSP looks forward to sharing this new tool with the citizens of North Carolina.

Sincerely,
Darrell Jernigan
Director

Below: A coordinated group ride of Rider Coaches with the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program along Blue Ridge Parkway.



Director's Award Recipients



Pictured above (left to right): Darrell Jernigan, GHSP director; Lt. Neal Homes, N.C. State Highway Patrol; Sgt. C.C. Albritton, N.C. SHP (District B-6); Lt. Bob Stevens, Garner Police Department and Sheriff Donnie Harrison, Wake County.



Pictured above: Darrell Jernigan and Chief Louis Gregory, Whispering Pines Police Department.



Pictured above: Darrell Jernigan and Craig Lloyd, executive director of N.C. Mothers Against Drink Driving. Not pictured: Chief John Lollis, Lexington Police Department.

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Upcoming Campaigns Dates and Deadlines

Week	Dates of Enforcement	Reports Due
St. Patrick's Day "Booze It & Lose It"		
Weekend 1	March 13-17	5 p.m., March 18
"No Need 2 Speed"		
Week 1	March 30-April 5	5 p.m., April 6
"Click It or Ticket"		
Week 1	May 18-24	5 p.m., May 26
Week 2	May 25-31	5 p.m., June 1

Pictured below (left to right): Officer Pete Marcinsky, Officer Donald Southern, K-9 Officer Joe Cain and canine Chester, Officer Ken Hall, Sgt. Greg Jacobs and Officer James Daniels of the Lumberton Police Department at Luther Britt Park.



REMINDER

**Traffic Safety Project Proposals
are due March 31, 2009.**

**Visit the Grants page of our
Web site for more
information.**

www.ncdot.gov/programs/ghsp/grants

**Would your traffic team
like to be featured in
future issues of
Centerline?**

**Submit a photo and
description of your
team and their
accomplishments
regarding traffic safety.**

**All submissions should
be emailed to
Beth Horner at
bhorner@ncdot.gov.**

2008 GHSP Accomplishments

- **State and local law enforcement issued 560,778 traffic and criminal citations** during "Click It or Ticket" and "Booze It & Lose It" campaigns.
- **Increased seat belt use to 89.8 percent — the highest ever in North Carolina —** through "Click It or Ticket" and "R U BUCKLED?".
- **Helped to enact new legislation** involving liability for the acts of Child Passenger Safety technicians, increased minimum age for unsupervised passengers in the bed of pickup trucks from 12 years to 16 years of age and changing the format of driver licenses from vertical to horizontal for licensees under 21 years of age.
- **Expanded the "R U Buckled" program, which promotes safety belt use among teenage drivers.** Added 51 more high schools, totaling more than 216 schools now participating in the program. More than 64,000 student drivers have participated in the program since its inception in 2005.
- **N.C. recognized by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration**, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as being **third best** for percentage of drivers driving while impaired.

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2009 Point System Reminders

- The point year began Oct. 1, 2008, and will end Sept. 30, 2009.
- All submission forms are subject to review and approval by GHSP staff to ensure accuracy.
- Please list the officer's full name when submitting each report.
- As a grant agency you need to submit points for **EVERYTHING**. GHSP will deduct points at the end of the year based on your contract.
- If you submit a multi-agency checkpoint, do not forget to include the name of each agency that participated in order to receive points.
- Please note the new names for checkpoint activities. Point values for these activities have not changed. **These changes will take place in the next few weeks.**
- Please visit the Points page on our Web site for further clarification on definitions of these activities.

Old Name	New Name
Host DWI Checkpoint	Host Nighttime* Traffic Safety Checkpoint
Participate in DWI Checkpoint	Participate Nighttime* Traffic Safety Checkpoint
Host Seat Belt Checkpoint	Host Daytime** Traffic Safety Checkpoint
Participate In Seat Belt Checkpoint	Participate Daytime** Traffic Safety Checkpoint

*Nighttime is considered from 9 p.m.-6 a.m.

**Daytime is considered from 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Below: The Lenoir Police Department hosted a child passenger safety event in conjunction with N.C. Safe Kids to educate parents on proper installation requirements.



Operation Drive to Live 2009 Encourages Safe Teen Driving

The week of February 23-27 is *Teen Safe Driving* week, a campaign to reduce teenage traffic fatalities and collisions sponsored by the N.C. State Highway Patrol.

Last year, 220 teenage drivers were killed on the state's highways. Many collisions involving teenage drivers occur during their commute to and from high school.

During *Operation Drive to Live 2009*, Troopers will be stepping up enforcement of all traffic laws around the state's schools and conducting traffic safety education programs at the high schools. Please reach out to your local communities during this effort to combat this important issue.

This vehicle was purchased with drug seizure money by the Mount Airy Police Department and is used to work traffic in and around the high school. The school resource officer also uses it for enforcement for the "RU Buckled?" program.



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